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A Glimpse of the Past: Images of law school life in the early years

Ivan Bodensteiner on deanship and his 25 years in legal education
Editor's Note

This issue of the Amicus profiles two alumni whose stories I find inspirational. In Dr. Anthony Anigbo ’96 we see a man who believes that the best leaders lead by their example. Living this sentiment to its fullest, Tony is a leader in the truest sense of the word. In Michael Bush ’77 we find an attorney who confronted the difficult task of rejuvenating his passion for practicing law, rather than leave the profession altogether. He has emerged a happier attorney, husband and father.

This issue also features photographs from the School of Law’s early years. The pictures represent no particular theme. Rather, they offer visual evidence that the real story of the Valparaiso University School of Law has always been the story of its people. I hope you enjoy them.

Greg Rutzen
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Dr. Anthony Anigbo ’96 inspires his family, both here and in Nigeria, with his commitment to service.

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-Professor Alex Geisinger, Director of the 1997 Summer Program

The summer program in Cambridge and London was, as the English say, a smashing success. Starting with a week in London, students and faculty alike dodged the raindrops as best they could while moving from one information-packed event to another. The London program was so chock-full of highlights that only a few can be mentioned here. Participants visited the Old Bailey, where they witnessed a criminal trial. They also visited the Houses of Parliament, where they observed an appeal in the Judicial Committee of the House of Lords, and enjoyed lively debate both in the Commons and the Lords. Later in the week the focus shifted to civil procedure, with a panel of barristers and solicitors discussing the details of a major reform of the civil justice system. Following that discussion students dined in the magnificent Hall of one of the Inns of Court, the Inner Temple. Then it was on to observing bewigged barristers (including the wife of the new Prime Minister, Tony Blair) arguing civil cases at the Royal Courts of Justice.

In the evenings the focus was on enjoying London’s renowned West End theaters. The group saw Shakespeare’s “Henry V” in the new Globe Theatre, a reconstruction of the famous hexagonal, open-air structure where Shakespeare’s company once performed on the bank of the Thames River; and they saw a hilarious performance by Bill Cosby.

After London the program participants headed to the VU Center in Cambridge, their home for the next five weeks. There, the students took courses in such areas as Comparative Law, English Legal Institutions and International Environmental Law. Virtually all the students took the Gender Discrimination class taught by Professor Rosalie Levinson with a special guest lecture from Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Justice Ginsburg was also the guest of honor at a reception held at Trinity College, where students and faculty alike had the opportunity to meet and talk with the Justice on a more informal basis.

Cambridge also served as a great point of departure for student trips to other parts of Europe. Students took advantage of their long weekends by visiting France, Germany, the Netherlands, Ireland, Scotland and even Greece. Students also took a number of day trips to explore other parts of England as well. Program participants did not have to search far for places of interest, however, as Cambridge and its environs alone contain enough sights to fill weeks of anyone’s travel schedule. Participants toured Cambridge’s many colleges, shops and, of course, watering holes.

A completely unbiased (the professors who judged the competition, of course, had no particular favorites) debate at the end of the semester determined that the County Arms was the favorite local pub, thanks in no small measure to the friendly hospitality of the pub dog. It was during a final night out at the Arms that the group began to realize just how special the summer in England had been.
New Directions for Admissions Office

Heike Cockerill Spahn has been appointed Director of Admissions and Student Relations. A 1995 graduate of VUSL, Heike first served the law school as its admissions recruiter in the fall of that year. Following her work for the admissions office, Heike entered private practice in Northwest Indiana until her appointment as director. She is a member of the Indiana and Illinois state bars, and is active in bar association committee work in Indiana.

Bringing great enthusiasm and positive energy to the position, Heike and her staff have produced exciting new recruitment publications, redesigned the admissions office's presence on the law school website, and begun evaluating and refining recruitment procedures.

Alumni interested in helping with student recruitment may contact Heike to learn of volunteer opportunities.

Students and Alumni Involved in Clean Sweep

Beth Henning-Guria '89 and Brett Warning '88 were among the members of the Environmental Chapter of the VUSL Alumni Association who joined with the Midwest Environmental Law Caucus in a "Clean Sweep" of the Indiana Dunes State Park on April 19, 1997. The event, in commemoration of Earth Day, also marked the 10th year of the MELC. Park management estimated that the effort of the participants from the law school and its alumni chapter saved park staff approximately four weeks of labor. Alumni interested in learning more about the Environmental Chapter of the VUSL Alumni Association may contact chapter leader Kevin S. Anderson '93 at (616) 983-6147.

VUSL Welcomes New Law Librarian

Joining the Law Library staff this fall is Diana Gleason, the new Public Services Librarian. In this capacity Diana will provide reference service, teach legal research, supervise circulation and audio-visual services, and manage the periodical collection. Diana earned her master's degree in librarianship from the University of Washington, and her J.D. from the University of Oregon. Her legal interests include Indian law, sexual harassment law and constitutional law. When not at work, Diana will likely be found in the gym, hiking, swimming or cross-country skiing.

James Smoot, Thespian

Debs McIlhenny, Connie Postelli and several of their fellow students surprised Professor Jim Smoot with all the accoutrements befitting a Hollywood actor. A director's chair, framed certificate, fine wine (topped by Lady Justice) and beret were presented to Smoot for his portrayal of a law professor (also named Smoot) in Francis Ford Coppola's "The Rainmaker."
Mark Adams has published a labor law volume of the Emanuel Law Outlines series. He also was a co-editor of a chapter in the first supplement to *Employment Discrimination* (3d ed.) published by the ABA Section on Labor and Employment Law. Professor Adams also presented the ICLEF program “Privacy in the Workplace.”

Robert Blomquist was awarded the 1997 Charles R. Gromley Distinguished Law Teacher Award in May. He published “Virtual Borders? Some Legal-Geopolitical Musings on Three Globally Significant Fragile Ecosystems Under United Nations’ Agenda 21” 45 *Cleveland State Law Review* (1997). In June Professor Blomquist was appointed to the Porter County Commissioners’ Jail Research and Advisory Committee established to study the type, size and general design of a proposed new 400-bed county jail complex. Also in June he became a founding member of the Northwest Indiana Quality of Life Council. The council consists of elected officials, business, labor, academic and community leaders dedicated to encouraging an appreciation for regional solutions to achieving and sustaining a high quality of life. In July he was elected to the council’s executive committee.

Paul Brietzke gave a presentation regarding democratization and administrative law to the Latin American Law and Economics Association at Caracas, Venezuela, in June; and to an African Legal Education gathering at Northwestern University Law School in July.


Edward Gaffney has been awarded a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship next spring at the Villa Sorbelloni in Bellagio, Italy, to complete writing of the manuscript *Should Churches be Taxed?* for Oxford University Press. During the fall semester Professor Gaffney will be a visiting fellow-in-residence at Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, Calif.

Naomi Goodman, technical services librarian, published an article titled, “From Crisis to Cooperation and Beyond: OhioLINK’s First Ten Years” in *Resource Sharing and Information Networks* 13, no. 1 (1997). The article covers the development of Ohio’s network of more than 50 university and college libraries, detailing document delivery, state-wide borrowing privileges, shared centrally mounted databases and access to major full-text research databases on the web.

Jack Hiller ’55 visited China in May, where he met with the law faculty of Ningbo University (site of the VUSL summer studies program in 1991). Discussions focused on U.S. and Chinese law and legal education, including VUSL’s proposed LLM program for international students.

Sarah (Sally) Holterhoff, government documents librarian, contributed an article to a collection, “A Day in My Law Library Life,” 89 *Law Library Journal* 180 (1997). She received a Presidential Certificate of Merit from the American Association of Law Libraries in recognition of her work on the AALL Chapter Relations program. The award was made at the association’s annual meeting in Baltimore in July.

Rosalie Levinson ’73 has published “State and Constitutional Law Developments” 30 *Indiana Law Review* (1997). She recently lectured on Title VII at a civil rights seminar sponsored by Chicago-Kent College of Law, and she taught a gender discrimination course with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg at this summer’s study abroad program in Cambridge, England.

Sy Moskowitz has edited two annual updates to multi-volume publications recently: four volumes of *Federal Litigation Guide* and volumes 11-16 of a discovery treatise published by Matthew Bender. He also presented “Remedies for
Elder Abuse and Neglect" at the ABA Section on Probate and Property at Washington, D.C., in May.


Director of Career Services Gail Peshel currently serves as vice-chair of the Career Assistance Committee of the Chicago Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section. She also serves on the National Association for Law Placement's International Opportunities Task Force, and on the Opportunities for Minorities Committee of the Indiana State Bar Association, where she is a member of the subcommittee that annually bestows the Rab Emison Award, which is presented to "an individual and an organization that have demonstrated a commitment to promote diversity and/or equality in the legal profession and in the membership of the ISBA."

John Potts recently completed two years as the first president of the St. Thomas More Lawyer's Guild of the Diocese of Gary.

Richard Stith recently published "On Death and Dworkin: A Critique of His Theory of Inviolability" 56 Maryland Law Review 289 (1997). It has attracted favorable attention both nationally and internationally. In October, Stith will attend the trustees meeting of the National Lawyers Association, an organization formed to avoid supporting elective abortion through the ABA. Professor Stith also was on the faculty of this summer's study abroad program in Cambridge, England.

Ruth Vance '82 just completed a one-year term as secretary of the Porter County Chapter, American Inns of Court. At the Indiana State Bar Association spring meeting in South Bend, Professor Vance was inducted as a fellow of the ISBA. At the same meeting she received a service award from the Section on Alternative Dispute Resolution for serving as Res Gestae ADR column editor 1992-96. In July she was elected to the board of directors of the Association of Legal Writing Instructors at their bi-annual conference in Chicago. Professor Vance also coached the VUSL negotiation team that competed at the national level at the ABA mid-year meeting in San Antonio. Student team members were Brett Cagan, Deborah LaFleur and Paul Stracci.

Linda Whitton '86 was promoted to the rank of Professor this fall. Earlier in the year she presented "Professional Ageism: Another Form of Elder Abuse?" at the ABA Spring CLE meeting of the Section of Real Estate, Probate and Trust Law held in Washington, D.C. Professor Whitton has been elected chair of the ABA Study Committee on Law Reform for Retirement and Disability Planning.
He was the neurosurgeon/law student with an engaging personality and generous spirit who everyone knew and held in high regard. He also was a dedicated student who was somehow able to support his family, continue his surgical practice and attend law school at the same time. But then Tony Anigbo has a long history of staying very, very busy.

Dr. Anthony Anigbo (VUSL '96) is one of Northwest Indiana’s premiere neurosurgeons. A Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, he has for more than 20 years rendered excellent medical care to citizens of the area. But he is much more than a highly skilled physician; he is father, husband, clan leader and, as of December 1996, a graduate of the Valparaiso University School of Law. Why did this very busy doctor at the top of his profession decide to attend law school? Read on.
Eke, Nigeria, is a West African town no larger than Valparaiso. And like Valpo, the citizens are friendly, making it a good place to call home. Tony Anigbo was raised there and, although he left Nigeria for the United States in 1973, Eke remains his home.

Nigeria was part of Great Britain’s colonial empire when Anigbo was a child. The school system was typically British and by high school the most promising students had already selected medicine, law or engineering as their future careers. Anigbo chose medicine. “My grandmother was a ‘village doctor’ of sorts. She used roots and herbs to treat the sick. I often went with her after midnight as she collected her medicines. This inspired me to become a physician.”

After attending college and medical school in Nigeria, Anigbo did his neurosurgery residency at the University of Chicago. It was his first real exposure to American culture and not everything made perfect sense at first.

Shortly after arriving in the United States, Anigbo stopped at an accident scene to assist an injured person. The ungrateful person later filed a merit-less suit against Dr. Anigbo that prompted him to ponder this society. “Why would somebody sue a person trying only to help?”

Such legal/ethical questions held his interest over the years. Finally he decided to try to gain a greater understanding for himself, while at the same time setting an example for his children. “I wanted to encourage my children to attend college by demonstrating the value of life-long learning.” So he enrolled at VUSL. “I had planned to go part time over five years. But I soon decided to go straight through. I did it in 3 1/2 years.” All while maintaining his medical practice.

This might seem to be an exaggerated case of “leadership by example,” after all Anigbo already had his college and medical degrees to show his children. But as he talks about his Nigerian home and future plans, it all makes perfect sense.

“I am the head of my family clan in Eke. I return there every year to help family members make major decisions, such as marriage or divorce. I enjoy serving as a mediator of sorts. I especially enjoy lining up the children to receive their verbal reports of important events and issues in their young lives.”

“I think going to VUSL is all about how to be a good person who happens to be a lawyer.”
Leading by Example

Being head of the clan is not a position one is born to, Anigbo explains; rather "certain members evolve into recognized leaders. My father was a leader. Eventually I evolved into the clan leader."

As with his own children and other family members in the United States, Anigbo leads his clan in Nigeria by example. He has established and financed a scholarship fund for the family's children. He wants to help them achieve their dreams.

He credits his father with teaching him the importance of giving. "My father was always taking care of more than his responsibility. He supported his 12 children as well as nieces, nephews and other family members when they needed it. His life was about spreading good will." Like father, like son.

Dr. Anigbo also views the people of VUSL as a sort of extended family group. "I think going to VUSL is all about how to be a good person who happens to be a lawyer. All members of the School of Law community are real human beings."

Although he has no plans to stop his work as a surgeon, Anigbo has found a use for his law degree. "I'm able to assist in some medico-legal issues on occasion, but mostly I want to help mediate disputes between physicians."

... During his free time Anigbo plays piano, some violin and trumpet, and takes 12-string guitar lessons. And this fall he began the M.B.A. program at Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management.

Why would Anthony Anigbo, M.D., J.D. want to add M.B.A.? "I will return to Nigeria some day, where I would like to be active as a consultant and teacher. And I want to be well prepared to help my family in as many ways as possible."

Some day Tony Anigbo will go home to Eke, and when he does the friendly Nigerian town will gain a physician, a man trained in the law and business, and a natural leader. His family will regain closer, more immediate guidance from the man who has managed to lead from so great a distance for so many years. About this there can be no doubt: the Anigbo clan is in good hands.
It's Always Been About

Early images from the School of Law archives.

Colonel Mark L. DeMotte founded the School of Law in 1879. He served as dean until his death in 1908.

The history of Valparaiso University School of Law is long and illustrious, filled with years of great teaching and eager learning. Its reputation as a first-rate center for legal education is well-earned. But the real story of the school and its success is the story of its people. These early images tell that story better than any written history could.

Colonel Mark L. DeMotte
founded the School of Law in 1879.
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Law Class of 1887.
Faculty members are H.A. Gillett, J.H. Gillett and M.L. DeMotte
Women of the Class of 1917.
(From left to right)
Helen White, Muncie, Ind.
Hanna Reed, Colliers, W.Va.,
class vice president
Nellie Briggs, Ashland, Ore.

Law Class of 1925 pictured as
first-year law students in 1923.
The 1922 Lawyers’ Parade.
During the 1920s, law students enjoyed an annual day of fun known as the “Lawyers' Annual Parade.” The day included a parade through town, a vaudeville show at the opera house and a dance at the University gym. As VU’s 1923 yearbook put it, “On that gala day the lawyers forgot everything, and oh! what fun they did have.”
It's Always Been About People

Law students and faculty circa 1902. Dean DeMotte seen at far left.

Law baseball squad circa 1910. Intramural sports played a prominent role in student life. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, the competition among the colleges was intense. The arch-rival of Law at the time was Engineering. Note the "VU Law" pennant.
Michael Bush '77 is a personal injury trial lawyer in Davenport, Iowa. The following story ran in The Des Moines Register in January 1996. The Register has graciously allowed The Amicus to feature the piece in this issue.

Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, today we would like you to consider the case of one Michael Bush.

Thanks to the month he spent soul-searching at a secluded ranch in Wyoming last August, Mr. Bush would have you believe he sits here before you today a changed man.

He’ll tell you he wears khakis and a sweater to the office most days now instead of a suit and tie.

He’ll testify that he is more empathetic to his clients and works more closely with his associates.

He’ll say that he seeks to teach now instead of argue; to address unpleasant truths rather than obscure them.

It may be true that Mr. Bush has undergone the transformation he claims; that he’s truly a better father, a better spouse, a better servant to the public than he was five months ago.

But admirable as these qualities may be, none of them speak to the charge leveled against Mr. Bush today.

We submit that whatever his positive attributes, Mr. Bush is still a lawyer.

Even more troubling, he considers it a noble calling.

We rest our case.
Imagine you are a personal injury lawyer in the 1990s.
In your mind, you are all that stands between the American public and greedy corporations, cost-slashing insurance companies and over-zealous government officials.
You are the Defender of Justice, Saviour of the Innocent Injured, the courageous Border collie protecting the helpless sheep from the hungry wolves howling at the barn door.

And what do you get for your troubles?
Hostile juries.
Tort reform.
And volumes and volumes of lawyer jokes.
No wonder Mike Bush entered 1995 seriously thinking about a change in profession.
It had nothing to do with his win-loss record. The hard-driving but affable 43-year-old Davenport attorney was near the top of his game as a personal injury lawyer. He had just won his first million-dollar verdict. He was a senior partner in the law firm of Carlin, Hellstrom and Bittner, with an office overlooking the Mississippi River.
But after 18 years practicing law, the pressures of his craft had begun to override his passion for it. “The more I won, the more pressure I felt,” he said. “It wasn’t as much fun... It wasn’t fun at all.”
A Davenport native, Bush comes from a family of lawyers. His dad is a retired lawyer. Four of his five brothers are lawyers.
His love for the law hadn’t changed, he said. What had changed was the way the American public viewed lawyers and lawsuits.
Lawyers have always been an easy target for politicians, philosophers, comedians, columnists, the public. But in the past few years, Bush felt the jabs had become steadily more venomous.
The fault, he believed, rested with advocates of tort reform; insurance companies and corporations who sought new laws to limit jury awards for punitive damages. To win support for their cause, tort reform advocates inflamed the public with tales of frivolous lawsuits and skyrocketing insurance costs. Bush said, trying to make us believe that if a crippled kid got $8 million, it was coming straight out of our pockets.

Dogbert:
“I can’t decide if it would be better to conquer the world by building an army or starting a religion.”

Dilbert:
“Which one would have the least loss of life?”

Dogbert:
“That’s what I’m trying to calculate on this spreadsheet.”

Dilbert:
“Why are you counting law students as two-tenths of a person?”

Dogbert:
“It doesn’t drop to zero until they pass the bar.”

Recent “Dilbert” cartoon
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...of the changes he's made...

“What they're trying to do is make victims the bad guys. The victims are not the bad guys.”

At this point, there is something you should know about Bush. He hasn't always been on the side of the sheep. Early in his career, he defended insurance companies. But then a guy walked into his office, a dirty, scrappily, mentally unstable drug user seeking damages for injuries he said he received while being thrown out of a bar for urinating in the sink.

Some might say lawsuits like these are the reason we need legal reform. But Bush took the case, plunging everything he had into it, including most of his family's savings, and won his client a judgment of close to $300,000.

Understandably, this made Bush an immediate convert to plaintiff's work. But he swears it wasn't the money that swayed him but a telephone call from his client prior to the verdict. “He said, 'Mike, I don't care if we win or lose. I just needed somebody that believed me,'” Bush recalled. “In all the time I'd represented insurance companies, I'd never had anyone who needed me like that.”

These days the clients who walk into Bush’s office are generally hard-working middle-class people, most of whom have never urinated in a bar sink in their lives. Bush takes their cases on a contingency basis and pays for experts out of his own pocket. In medical negligence cases, he said, he can have as much as $40,000 of his own money invested.

But it's usually his heart that takes the biggest beating. He invariably finds himself touched to the quick by his clients' suffering. It troubles him that jurors aren't as sympathetic. Bush said he’s encountered jurors who are almost antagonistic toward plaintiffs.

Bush understands the jurors' wariness. He knows people are being laid off all over the country and that society is dividing between the have and have-nots and no one wants to be on the side of the have-nots.

He knows the wolf can be very convincing when he stands at the barn door whispering that it's bad sheep causing all the problems, not the wolves, and if we just open the barn door and send out the bad sheep, all of us good sheep will be spared.

But understanding that doesn't make him feel any better when he loses a case, something that happens to him rarely. His hardest loss, he said, came in a 1994 case in which he represented a Coca-Cola deliveryman who slipped on some “goop” and fell in a supermarket, triggering a latent case of multiple sclerosis. On Bush's advice, the client rejected a settlement and went to trial. The jury ruled in favor of the store.

Bush had poured about a year and a half of his life and nearly $15,000 of his savings into the case. But it was the thought of what losing meant to his client that was hardest for him to take.

“I felt incredibly guilty and incredibly inadequate,” Bush said. “I was going to go on and have other cases but that was his only shot at justice.”

Discouraged by the attacks on the legal profession and tormented by self-blame, Bush began to wonder if maybe he'd be happier as a teacher or judge.

Then he heard about the Trial Lawyer's College, a month-long school for personal injury and criminal defense lawyers held at the Wyoming ranch of prestigious lawyer Gerry Spence, best known for his successful defense of white separatist Randy Weaver against the United States government.

The goal of the program, created in 1984, is to train a new generation of trial lawyers to “ethically and nobly champion the cause of the injured, the forgotten and the damned.” The staff consists of Spence and other top lawyers and judges, all of whom volunteer their time.

It sounded like just what Bush was looking for. He
paid his $2,900, put his practice on hold for a month, said goodbye to his wife and three children and left for Wyoming.

Bush arrived at Spence's ranch, located about 85 miles north of Jackson Hole, on July 31, one of 50 lawyers and the first Iowan enrolled. Lodgings were Spartan cell-like rooms furnished with a cot and little else. There was no television, no radio, no newspapers and only two pay phones.

The first three days of the month-long session were spent in group psychotherapy, Bush said, nine or 10 hours each day.

"I was sucking my thumb after the first couple of days," he said wryly. "I began to question who I was; my values, my motivations for doing things."

This was exactly what Spence wanted, Bush said.

Spence's goal was to force the attending attorneys to drop their professional fronts and look inside.

"A lot of being a lawyer is kind of being a phony," Bush explained. "Or at least some people feel that way. They want to put on a show, they want to wear fancy suits and they want to impress people. Spence's philosophy is that this is exactly the wrong way to be a good trial lawyer. He kept preaching that we had to be real, we had to be who we really were and to project that."

The emphasis of the program was on cooperation rather than competition. Casually dressed in shorts and T-shirts, the 50 lawyers shared the frustrations and hopes that had brought them to the college. "We had a bonfire every night," Bush said. "We'd sit and talk and drink."

While he was at the school, Bush said, he took a turn being a juror in a mock trial. It was the first time he had ever viewed a trial from that perspective. "I became incredibly frustrated because I wanted the lawyers to get to the point," he said. "I became incredibly bored, I really got upset at lawyers I felt weren't shooting straight
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... in his personal life.

with me. I hated when lawyers objected. I felt they were trying to keep something from me."

All month long, Bush said, Spence hammered home one theme: the obligation lawyers had to the court, the legal system and, most important, the clients.

Bush left the program eager to put Spence's lessons into practice. But he was also scared. "You feel that you've made some fundamental changes, but ... are they going to last now that you're back in the real world," he said.

When you look at the big picture, it doesn't seem much has changed since Bush's return from Wyoming. In December, tort reform advocates won a major battle when Congress voted to limit stockholders' ability to sue for fraud. Lawyer jokes are still considered funny. Bush, however, no longer feels defeated by these things. He is gradually reshaping himself and his practice to fit the "new generation" of lawyers of Gerry Spence's vision, and he seems to have found a renewed zeal for defending his profession.

"We spend more money in this country on dog food than we spend on our entire legal system every year," he said. "That's including the money that goes to plaintiffs and defense attorneys."

Bush said he spends a lot more time with his clients these days.

"I try to understand what fears they have now that they didn't have before," he said. "One guy who broke his wrist said the worst thing was that he couldn't bowl anymore. So you ask, what's the big deal? Well, he said, 'the only thing that made me special was that I was a good bowler.' You come to find out, his whole social life revolved around bowling. He said he was trying to bowl left-handed but now, instead of being the star, he was a bum."

Bush, who prefaces many statements with "this may sound corny, but ..." is also proud of the changes he's made in his personal life, including resigning from a couple of committees at church to free up time to help coach his son's basketball team.

His wife, Kathy, agrees that Bush seems more relaxed, but she doubts that work is ever far from his mind. To her husband, she said, being a lawyer is a vocation, and vocations aren't something you just leave behind at 5 p.m. each day.

If you're looking for a visible sign of Bush's transformation, you can find it in his clothing. He now dresses casually except in court, where he has no choice. He's just not a suit-and-tie guy, Bush said. Before, he wore one anyway, because it was expected of a lawyer. These days, he's not only willing but eager for people to see him as he really is.

"You know what's funny? I don't think the opposing attorneys know what to make of me," he said with a smile. "I don't think I'm as adversarial as I used to be with them. I'm not so much into competing anymore."

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Ivan Bodensteiner first came to the law school in 1972, following four years of work with Fort Wayne Legal Services. During that period he occasionally worked with a legal services program in Gary, where he met Sy Moskowitz, who was then at the VUSL Law Clinic. Through Professor Moskowitz, Bodensteiner learned about the Law Clinic's goals and record of service to the community. He joined the faculty as director of the Law Clinic, a position which afforded Bodensteiner a chance to combine two of his primary professional interests: providing legal services to underrepresented people, and teaching law students.

By 1975 Bodensteiner had started a federal practice clinic program that combined classroom study of federal practice and procedure with live client representation. Students in the federal clinic earned 12 credits over two semesters for their efforts. They also gained the invaluable experience that comes when programs integrate the classroom with the courtroom.

Bodensteiner took a leave of absence from the law school in 1977 to consult with the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii, training lawyers in litigation skills. Returning to Indiana in 1978, he was Director of Litigation for the Legal Services Program of Northern Indiana and the Legal Services organization of Indiana.

In 1979 he returned to the School of Law faculty and has taught constitutional law, civil rights, evidence, trial practice and civil procedure. He first served as law school dean from 1985 to 1990. During his deanship the law school developed its pro bono program, which he still coordinates. One of the first initiatives of its type in the country, the program mandates a minimum of 20 hours pro bono service by each Valparaiso law student as a graduation requirement. Since the program's inception, VUSL students have provided thousands of hours of free legal assistance to needy clients throughout the country.

This August, Bodensteiner was appointed to the law school deanship a second time. Agreeing to serve during the year-long dean search process, he brings to the interim position a wealth of experience and a 25-year association with the Valparaiso University School of Law.

Dean Bodensteiner recently shared his reflections on 25
years in legal education and his thoughts about teaching
law students today.

The Amicus: Many technological changes have
occurred since you first arrived at VUSL in 1972. Much
has been made of the impact that these advances have on
the legal profession. How are on-line legal research data-
bases, CD-ROM law libraries and the internet affecting
the practice of law? Are law schools meeting the educa-
tional needs of today’s new lawyers?

Dean Bodensteiner: Yes, the profession has
changed through technology and in other ways. But the
goals of the profession have remained constant.
Practicing attorneys still aim to provide the best service
possible to their clients, in an ethical manner. Lawyers
still try to solve problems. Further, the analytical skills
needed to function as an attorney have not changed.

And because the goals of practicing law and the
skills required have not changed, the legal education
process has remained very much the same since I was a
law student. We have different tools now such as the on-
line legal databases and so on, but tools don’t change the
basic, crucial goal of a legal education. What still matters
very much is critical thinking and analysis; research and
writing skills. No matter what technologies exist for
lawyers, you must have these basic skills to succeed. And
students still get them in law schools.

A: Some critics of current legal education contend
that we graduate new lawyers who are ill-equipped to
practice efficiently right from the start. Some in the prac-
ticing bar urge legal educators to provide more of a train-

B: Not necessarily. Law schools err when they
suggest theory is separate from practice. In reality, a
sophisticated legal practice brings theory and practice
together all the time. We can integrate the theoretical
with the practical in our teaching; the approaches are not
inconsistent with each other. For example, consider a
class like evidence that is full of rules and exceptions, and
the reasons they exist. If we add a 1-credit application-of-those-rules component, the learning process becomes
much more complete. We could do similar things with
many law school courses, from estate planning to UCC
classes to criminal law. The idea is to integrate the class-
room experience with real-world application of what is
learned in our classrooms.

I think the legal profession errs when it suggests that
a law school graduate should be a “finished product.” It’s
important for both sides to understand that the educa-
tion of a lawyer begins in law school, certainly, but grad-
uation does not signal an end to the process. All lawyers
continue their education while, and by, practicing.

A: Your first deanship here lasted five years and
yet the average tenure of law deans today is a little short.
of three years. What made the difference for you here at Valparaiso?

B: Being a law school dean is a difficult job. Most deans leave the dean’s office in order to return to full-time teaching and other faculty duties. I think they miss that component of their careers too much. While dean I kept my teaching load pretty much the same and this kept me connected to an important professional interest.

In my case I was appointed as interim dean for one year in 1985, while a dean search was conducted. As things happened, the search continued for five years!

A: The number of law school applications is down around the country and here. What does this signal to you based on your 25 years at VUSL? Is law school still a good investment?

B: I think application numbers are cyclical. The 1997 numbers remind me of 1987 or so, and I’m sure they’ll rebound again in time. Law schools will remain healthy and critical because good lawyers will remain important. I believe there is no post-graduate degree more valuable than the law degree. It’s probably the most flexible credential there is, with direct and indirect benefits that still open many doors that would otherwise remain unopened. If more people thought of law school as a professional-level, liberal-arts-type of education, application numbers would not be going down as they are today. In any case, I certainly view law school as one of the most valuable educational experiences available today.

A: Finally, what are your plans for your interim deanship?

B: Many exciting things are happening at the law school, and we’ll all be busy handling them. We are currently seeking acquiescence by the ABA for a new LL.M. program for international students. Once the ABA has given its approval, we’ll enroll graduates of foreign law schools who wish to receive a post-J.D. degree from VUSL.

We’re also working to expand our externship programs in order to provide students with enhanced opportunities to gain experience while they earn credit. The faculty also has approved two new academic concentrations in environmental law and alternative dispute resolution, and other concentrations are being considered. Advanced course work in these subjects will allow students to focus on these areas of law if they so choose. And during the current year, we will begin the self-study process in preparation for the regular ABA accreditation visit in 1998-'99.

In addition to all that, I’ll continue teaching, attempt to complete some research projects and manage the dean’s office. I’ll also work with the search committee to find a talented new dean. I’m anticipating a busy and exciting year for VUSL.
Former Indiana Attorney General Ted Sendak is putting his reminiscences on paper in the form of a soon-to-be-published book *A Pilgrimage Through the Briar Patch: Inside the Real World of Politics*. Sendak states the book will be a candid look inside the politics of Northwest Indiana, complete with profiles of "political bonchos" of the last 50 years. Sendak has been a writer since the 1940s, starting as a reporter for *The Hammond Times* and continuing after his induction into the U.S. Army when, stationed in the Philippines, he convinced General Douglas MacArthur to allow him to serve as a foreign correspondent.

David A. Berner is municipal judge in Enumclaw, Wash. He also serves as industrial appeals judge for the State of Washington Board of Industrial Insurance Appeals in Olympia.

G. Allen Andreas, Jr. is the new CEO of Archer Daniels Midland Co. in Decatur, Ill.

Thomas M. Hafner is now vice president and general counsel for Philips Electronics Sales and Services, North American Region, in Atlanta, Ga.

Ellen Eggers represents death row inmates as an attorney with the Office of the State Public Defender in Sacramento, Calif. She is very active with efforts to abolish the death penalty. Eggers also is involved with a sister city project between Sacramento and a refugee community in El Salvador. Her work for the project took her to El Salvador three times since 1993. She lives in Sacramento with son Tom, age 16, and daughter Teresa, age 11.

James Edward Jacobs has retired from the practice of law. He is now married to Brenda M. (Hahn) Jacobs and is stepfather to Elizabeth, 12 and Lorn, 8. He may be reached at P.O. Box 351921, Palm Coast, Fla. 32135-1921.

Dierdre Burgman is a member of the board of directors of the New York County Lawyers' Association, and a
member of the House of Delegates of the New York State Bar Association.

1981


1982

Mark Folmsbee was elected president of the American Association of Law Librarians. He is the associate director and head of public services of the Washburn University School of Law Library in Topeka, Kan.

Paul Leonard, Jr. is the new president-elect of the Lake County (Ind.) Bar Association. He will be installed as president in January 1998. Leonard is a partner at the Highland firm of Goodman Ball VanBokkelen Leonard & Kline.

Mary M. Squyres was named partner at Brinks, Hofer, Gilson & Lione in Chicago. She received the promotion in November 1996.

1983

Sally Ankony has served as juvenile magistrate in the LaPorte Circuit Court since her appointment to that position in 1995. Prior to the appointment she was probate commissioner for the court.

Daniel Avila was chief staff counsel for the National Legal Center for the Medically Dependent and Disabled, Inc., from early 1996 to mid-1997. He worked on the assisted suicide cases that eventually reached the U.S. Supreme Court (Vacco v. Quill; Washington v. Glucksberg) and the Florida Supreme Court (Krischer v. McKiver), authoring and serving as counsel of record for amici briefs submitted before both courts on behalf of the Knights of Columbus and the National Catholic Office for Persons with Disabilities. During this period, Avila extensively researched the constitutional issues raised by the assisted suicide question, providing his results to the coalition of groups opposing the constitutionalization of assisted suicide. The research formed the basis of his law review article, "Is the Constitution a Suicide Pact?" 35 Duquesne Law Review 201 (1996). Also during this period he assisted in drafting the Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997 which was passed by Congress. And he wrote a chapter in a book to be published this year, "Brick Walls On The Slippery Slope: Reasonable Moderation? Or Unjust Discrimination Against Persons With Disabilities?," in Suicide in the Christian Community: An Ethical Dilemma (Demy and Stewart eds., 1997). On Nov. 1, 1997, Avila will become associate director for public policy for the Massachusetts Catholic Conference based in Boston, where he will do public speaking, writing, lobbying and assist in coordinating a state-wide model program on euthanasia education and public policy.

1984

J. Scott VanDerbeck was elected circuit court judge for LaGrange County, Ind. He took the bench on January 1, 1997.

1985

Frank J. Parise is a member of Brookhouse, Richardson & Parise in Kenosha, Wis. Parise is the former full-time Kenosha County judicial court commissioner, a position he has retained on a part-time basis.

1986

Samuel L. Cappas and Wanda E. Jones have formed Cappas & Jones, a law partnership for the practice of civil and criminal litigation. Cappas is a former Lake County deputy prosecutor. Jones was a partner in the dissolved firm of Rubino & Jones. Cappas & Jones is located at 2546 - 45th St., Highland, Ind. 46322.
Karen Johnson Guilde has become a shareholder of Rolewick & Gutzke, P.C., in Wheaton, Ill.

Jeffry Harris was named director of The Nettle Creek Valley Museum in Hagerstown, Ind. A life-long history and museum buff, Harris left the practice of law in 1993 to direct the Delaware County Historical Alliance in Muncie. He is the president of the Association of Indiana Museums, and the state's representative to the Midwest Museum Council.

In October 1996, Cynthia Penn Amber was appointed magistrate judge to hear domestic cases in Allen County. Formerly a partner with Nieter & Geogin of Fort Wayne, Amber has had her representing abused children since 1995. In 1996 her undergraduate alma mater, Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne, honored her with an Alumni Citation Award for her pro bono efforts on behalf of abused and neglected children.

The latest addition to Laurie A. Bigsby's family is son Dylan Michael Bigsby, born in July 1995. Laurie reports that she has just opened her own practice at 124 S. Race St. in Mishawaka, Ind. 46544. She writes, "I have been very lucky and successful with the new practice. I have never been happier in my life! I have a new sense of freedom!"

Andre Gammage practices with Berger, James, Gammage & Wilber in South Bend, Ind. His primary areas of practice are criminal defense and personal injury law.

Ron Hayden has opened an office for his general civil practice at 3 First National Plaza, Suite 1400, Chicago, Ill. 60602.

Tim A. Baker is an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, concentrating in employment litigation.

Cynthia Opplinger Baker is the director of the recently established Program on Law and State Government at Indiana University School of Law-Indianapolis. Prior to joining the law school, she was a section chief within the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Office of Legal Counsel. She resides with her husband, Tim Baker '89, in Indianapolis.

Allen Foe was appointed chief legal counsel to Illinois Lieutenant Governor Bob Kustra.

Lisa Kristine Misner is an associate with Ruman, Clements, Tobin & Holub, P.C., in Hammond, Ind., handling estate planning, probate, real estate and corporate law matters.

Chris Stride and wife Julie (VU'86) welcomed daughter Britta on April 26, 1997. She joins brother Jack, age 2.

Renee Karttunen Wheeler and husband Greg are pleased to announce the birth of their third child, Kathryn Renee Lillian Wheeler, born April 22, 1997. She joins big brothers Ben, 6, and Nicky, 3. Renee is currently a stay-at-home mom, while Greg is a lead computer engineer for Motorola, Inc. They live in Elmhurst, Ill.


Kristin (Burk) Hoeksema and husband Jeffrey had twins in July. The children are named Jessica Elizabeth and Joshua Ryan.

The Reverend Sammie L. Maletta was recently appointed to the combined position of vicar general/moderator of the
Curia for the Diocese of Gary. The vicar general is the bishop's deputy in the administration of the diocese. As moderator of the Curia, Maletta is responsible for the coordination and supervision of the different offices, departments, institutions and diocese personnel. He continues his duties as pastor of St. Joan of Arc parish in Merrillville, the diocesan attorney and the bishop's representative for health care.

William C. Wagner is an associate with the Indianapolis law firm of Johnson Smith Pence Densborn Wright & Heath. He is a trial attorney in the firm's litigation group.

1993

Ed and Jody ('95) Hamey were married at the Chapel of the Resurrection, Valparaiso University, in October 1996. Ed continues his civil litigation practice with Hume, Smith, Geddes, Green & Simmons in Indianapolis. Jody practices environmental law at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management in its Office of Legal Counsel.

1994

Todd A. Strong and Dominique Alexandre '95 were married in 1996 and are now Mr. and Mrs. Alexandre-Strong. "Our family now also includes our beautiful baby girl, L.J. Alexandre-Strong!"

Diana M. Chafey is associate counsel at Interstate National Corp., a Fireman’s Fund Insurance holding company in Chicago. She is planning a November 1997 wedding to Philip Wanzenberg in Phoenix, Ariz.

Kurt Lichtfuss has been accepted into the Foreign Service of the United States. He and wife Karen will spend two years in Washington, D.C., while he learns the legal aspects of the country to which he will be assigned. He will subsequently be posted to a U.S. Embassy overseas.

Charlotte L. Lindell has joined the Washington, D.C., office of Arter & Hadden, practicing in the firm’s Real Estate Practice Group.

Patrick G. McCarthy is general counsel for Capital Title Co., Inc. in Clayton, Mo. He presented an overview of real property boundary descriptions for the National Business Institute's February 12, 1997, seminar entitled "Boundary Law in Missouri." McCarthy’s article, "Boundary Descriptions," is found in the Institute's publication of the same date. He serves on the Contracts and Forms Committee and the Affiliate Committee of the St. Louis Association of Realtors, and he lectures throughout the area on matters relating to title insurance and real property law.

N. Jean Schendel has joined Hunt, Stuedhoff, Borror & Eilbacher in Fort Wayne. She was recently elected president of the Indiana chapter of the American Association of Nurse Attorneys.

1995

Lawrence Bauer is an appellate prosecutor in the State's Attorney's office in Elgin, Ill. Bauer also serves as a representative on the Winnebago County Board.

Debra Williams Bolino married Greg Bolino on Sept. 7, 1996. She works in the Cook County Public Guardian office.

Sherry Faubion announces the birth of her son, Ian James Champion, on November 6, 1996.

Tracy A. Helmer was married to Dennis Arney on Oct. 4, 1997.

Scott A. Lipke has been appointed Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Cape
Girardeau County, Mo. He was formerly an attorney with Buerkle, Beeson, Ludwig, Wilson & Jackson, L.C. in Jackson, Mo.

Craig McKenzie is now general counsel of Parker & Associates (Eugene Parker '82, president.) At 26 years old, Craig is one of the youngest general counsels of a premier sports agency in the country. His most notable accomplishments in the past year include the negotiation of Deion Sanders' deal with Pepsi, and his 46th and 49th NBA draft picks maturing into bona-fide NBA players. Craig also teaches negotiations, marketing and philosophy at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Heike Cockerill Spahn was married to Phil Spahn in September 1996. Heike is currently the director of admissions and student relations at the School of Law. Phil practices with Burke, Murphy, Costanza & Cuppy in Merrillville. The couple resides at 358 Chestnut St., Valparaiso, Ind. 46383. They can also be reached at heike.spahn@valpo.edu.

1996

Doug Fahl has been elected to represent Whitley County on the board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northeast Indiana. Fahl is an attorney with Bloom, Gates & Whitleather. He lives in Columbia City, Ind., with his wife, RaeAnne, and their daughter, Meghan.

Chad W. Main has opened his own law office at 10850 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 436, Los Angeles, Calif. 90024. Ph.: (310) 234-0055; fax: (310) 234-0034.

Phyllis K. Nofziger was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the Indiana chapter of the American Association of Nurse Attorneys.

1997

Kevin M. Lesperance has joined Querrey & Harrow in the firm's Chicago office.

His practice will concentrate in insurance defense.

Michael T. Terwilliger has joined Spangler, Jennings & Dougherty in the firm's Merrillville office.

Cheryl A. Warzynski has joined the Chicago office of Querrey & Harrow, concentrating her practice in medical malpractice defense.

Camille Waters has joined the VUSL Admissions Office as a recruiter. During the busy fall recruiting season, Camille will visit pre-law students in 40 cities around the country. In January she will join the U.S. Army JAG Corps.

In Memoriam...

Thomas G. Anton '50
Quentin A. Blachly '59
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It has been my privilege to serve as chair of the 1997 Dean's Annual Campaign. As we approach the end of the year, we are getting close to reaching our goal of $210,000.

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Sincerely yours,

Kenneth J. Anderson ’79

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